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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

United States of America,  
  
 Plaintiff,  
  
 vs.  
  
 (3) Kapil Dev,  
  
 Defendant.

CR-17-00809-PHX-DLR

**PLEA AGREEMENT**

Plaintiff, United States of America, and the defendant, KAPIL DEV, hereby agree to dispose of this matter on the following terms and conditions:

**1. PLEA**

The defendant will plead guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment charging the defendant with a Conspiracy to Bring in, Transport and Harbor Illegal Aliens, and to Defraud Immigration Courts, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, a Class D felony offense.

**2. MAXIMUM PENALTIES**

a. A violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, is punishable by a maximum fine of \$250,000, a maximum term of imprisonment of 5 years, or both, and a term of supervised release of 3 years. A maximum term of probation is five years.

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1           b.     According to the Sentencing Guidelines issued pursuant to the Sentencing  
2 Reform Act of 1984, the Court shall order the defendant to:

3               (1)     make restitution to any victim of the offense pursuant to 18 U.S.C.  
4 § 3663 and/or 3663A, unless the Court determines that restitution would not be  
5 appropriate;

6               (2)     pay a fine pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3572, unless the Court finds that a  
7 fine is not appropriate;

8               (3)     serve a term of supervised release when required by statute or when a  
9 sentence of imprisonment of more than one year is imposed (with the understanding that  
10 the Court may impose a term of supervised release in all other cases); and

11              (4)     pay upon conviction a \$100 special assessment for each count to  
12 which the defendant pleads guilty pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013.

13           c.     The Court is required to consider the Sentencing Guidelines in determining  
14 the defendant's sentence. However, the Sentencing Guidelines are advisory, and the Court  
15 is free to exercise its discretion to impose any reasonable sentence up to the maximum set  
16 by statute for the crime(s) of conviction, unless there are stipulations to the contrary that  
17 the Court accepts.

18           d.     The defendant recognizes that pleading guilty may have consequences with  
19 respect to defendant's immigration status if the defendant is a recently naturalized United  
20 States citizen or is not a citizen of the United States. Under federal law, a broad range of  
21 crimes are removable offenses, including the offense to which the defendant is pleading  
22 guilty. Although there may be exceptions, the defendant understands that the defendant's  
23 guilty plea and conviction for this offense make it practically inevitable and a virtual  
24 certainty that the defendant will be removed or deported from the United States. The  
25 defendant agrees that defendant has discussed this eventuality with defendant's attorney.  
26 The defendant nevertheless affirms that defendant wants to plead guilty regardless of any  
27 immigration consequences that this plea entails, even if the consequence is the defendant's  
28 automatic removal from the United States.

1     **3.     AGREEMENTS REGARDING SENTENCING**

2             a.     Stipulation. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(C), the United States and  
3 the defendant stipulate and agree the defendant's sentence shall not exceed the term of  
4 imprisonment at the low end of the applicable advisory sentencing guideline range, which  
5 range will be determined by the Court at sentencing and shall not include any upward or  
6 downward departures under Section 4A1.3 or Chapter 5 of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines  
7 or any upward or downward variances.

8             The parties further stipulate and agree that the defendant is an appropriate candidate  
9 for voluntary surrender. In the event the defendant and his wife and co-defendant, Rebecca  
10 Dev, both are ordered to serve a term of imprisonment, the parties agree the defendant  
11 should be ordered to self-surrender no later than 14 days after the date of sentencing, and  
12 co-defendant Rebecca Dev should be ordered to self-surrender on a date that follows the  
13 anticipated completion date of the defendant's sentence without factoring in good-time  
14 credit.

15            b.     Assets and Financial Responsibility. The defendant shall make a full  
16 accounting of all assets in which the defendant has any legal or equitable interest. The  
17 defendant shall not (and shall not aid or abet any other party to) sell, hide, waste, spend, or  
18 transfer any such assets or property before sentencing, without the prior approval of the  
19 United States (provided, however, that no prior approval will be required for routine, day-  
20 to-day expenditures). The defendant also expressly authorizes the United States Attorney's  
21 Office to immediately obtain a credit report as to the defendant in order to evaluate the  
22 defendant's ability to satisfy any financial obligation imposed by the Court. The defendant  
23 also shall make full disclosure of all current and projected assets to the U.S. Probation  
24 Office immediately and prior to the termination of the defendant's supervised release or  
25 probation, such disclosures to be shared with the U.S. Attorney's Office, including the  
26 Financial Litigation Unit, for any purpose. Finally, the defendant shall participate in the  
27 Inmate Financial Responsibility Program to fulfill all financial obligations due and owing  
28 under this agreement and the law.

1 c. Acceptance of Responsibility. If the defendant makes full and complete  
2 disclosure to the U.S. Probation Office of the circumstances surrounding the defendant's  
3 commission of the offense, and if the defendant demonstrates an acceptance of  
4 responsibility for this offense up to and including the time of sentencing, the United States  
5 will recommend a two-level reduction in the applicable Sentencing Guidelines offense  
6 level pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a). If the defendant has an offense level of 16 or more,  
7 the United States will move the Court for an additional one-level reduction in the applicable  
8 Sentencing Guidelines offense level pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b).

9 **4. AGREEMENT TO DISMISS OR NOT TO PROSECUTE**

10 a. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(A), the United States, at the time of  
11 sentencing, shall dismiss the following charges: Count 2 of the Indictment as to this  
12 defendant, KAPIL DEV.

13 b. This agreement does not, in any manner, restrict the actions of the United  
14 States in any other district or bind any other United States Attorney's Office.

15 **5. COURT APPROVAL REQUIRED; REINSTITUTION OF PROSECUTION**

16 a. If the Court, after reviewing this plea agreement, concludes that any  
17 provision contained herein is inappropriate, it may reject the plea agreement and give the  
18 defendant the opportunity to withdraw the guilty plea in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P.  
19 11(c)(5).

20 b. If the defendant's guilty plea or plea agreement is rejected, withdrawn,  
21 vacated, or reversed at any time, this agreement shall be null and void, the United States  
22 shall be free to prosecute the defendant for all crimes of which it then has knowledge and  
23 any charges that have been dismissed because of this plea agreement shall automatically  
24 be reinstated. In such event, the defendant waives any and all objections, motions, and  
25 defenses based upon the Statute of Limitations, the Speedy Trial Act, or constitutional  
26 restrictions in bringing later charges or proceedings. The defendant understands that any  
27 statements made at the time of the defendant's change of plea or sentencing may be used  
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1 against the defendant in any subsequent hearing, trial, or proceeding subject to the  
2 limitations of Fed. R. Evid. 410.

3 **6. WAIVER OF DEFENSES AND APPEAL RIGHTS**

4 The defendant waives (1) any and all motions, defenses, probable cause  
5 determinations, and objections that the defendant could assert to the indictment or  
6 information; and (2) any right to file an appeal, any collateral attack, and any other writ or  
7 motion that challenges the conviction, an order of restitution or forfeiture, the entry of  
8 judgment against the defendant, or any aspect of the defendant's sentence, including the  
9 manner in which the sentence is determined, including but not limited to any appeals under  
10 18 U.S.C. § 3742 (sentencing appeals) and motions under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241 and 2255  
11 (habeas petitions), and any right to file a motion for modification of sentence, including  
12 under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c). This waiver shall result in the dismissal of any appeal,  
13 collateral attack, or other motion the defendant might file challenging the conviction, order  
14 of restitution or forfeiture, or sentence in this case. This waiver shall not be construed to  
15 bar an otherwise-preserved claim of ineffective assistance of counsel or of “prosecutorial  
16 misconduct” (as that term is defined by Section II.B of Ariz. Ethics Op. 15-01 (2015)).

17 **7. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

18 a. The United States retains the unrestricted right to provide information and  
19 make any and all statements it deems appropriate to the U.S. Probation Office and to the  
20 Court in connection with the case.

21 b. Any information, statements, documents, and evidence that the defendant  
22 provides to the United States pursuant to this agreement may be used against the defendant  
23 at any time.

24 c. The defendant shall cooperate fully with the U.S. Probation Office. Such  
25 cooperation shall include providing complete and truthful responses to questions posed by  
26 the U.S. Probation Office including, but not limited to, questions relating to:

27 (1) criminal convictions, history of drug abuse, and mental illness; and  
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(2) financial information, including present financial assets or liabilities that relate to the ability of the defendant to pay a fine or restitution.

**8. FORFEITURE, CIVIL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS**

a. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to protect the defendant from administrative or civil forfeiture proceedings or prohibit the United States from proceeding with and/or initiating an action for civil forfeiture. The defendant agrees not to seek to set aside or otherwise contest any administrative forfeiture order entered prior to the date of this agreement. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3613, all monetary penalties, including restitution imposed by the Court, shall be due immediately upon judgment, shall be subject to immediate enforcement by the United States, and shall be submitted to the Treasury Offset Program so that any federal payment or transfer of returned property the defendant receives may be offset and applied to federal debts (which offset will not affect the periodic payment schedule). If the Court imposes a schedule of payments, the schedule of payments shall be merely a schedule of minimum payments and shall not be a limitation on the methods available to the United States to enforce the judgment.

**9. ELEMENTS**

**Conspiracy to Bring in, Transport, and Harbor Illegal Aliens,  
And to Defraud Immigration Courts**

Between approximately June 2012 and June 2017, in the District of Arizona and elsewhere:

1. Two or more persons agreed to commit the following offenses against the United States:
  - a. Bringing Aliens to the United States at a Place Other Than a Designated Port of Entry, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(i);
  - b. Transportation of Illegal Aliens, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii);



c. Harboring Illegal Aliens in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii);

d. Bringing Illegal Aliens to the United States in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(2); or

2. Two or more persons agreed to defraud the United States and an Agency of the United States, that is, the Executive Office for Immigration Review, by deceitful or dishonest means, specifically by:

a. having aliens present themselves to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at ports of entry and elsewhere, to make fraudulent asylum claims in order to be placed in immigration proceedings and eventually be released on immigration bonds;

b. creating and causing others to create false and fraudulent alien bond and sponsorship documents for presentation to the Immigration Courts; or

c. submitting and causing others to submit false and fraudulent alien bond and sponsorship documents to the Immigration Courts;

3. The defendant became a member of the conspiracy knowing of at least one of its objects and intending to help accomplish it; and

4. One of the members of the conspiracy performed at least one overt act for the purpose of carrying out the conspiracy

#### 10. **FACTUAL BASIS**

a. The defendant admits that the following facts are true and that if this matter were to proceed to trial the United States could prove the following facts beyond a reasonable doubt:

Between approximately June 2012 and June 2017, I agreed with the other conspirators, Surinder Singh, Kusum Lata, Rebecca Dev, Maheshkumar Shivabhai Patel, and others, to bring aliens into the United States, knowing these individuals were aliens, primarily citizens of India, lacking authorization to come to, enter or reside in the United States. These

1       aforementioned aliens paid me and the other conspirators to arrange for them  
2       to be smuggled into the United States.

3       I, along with the other conspirators, smuggled some aliens through the ports  
4       of entry, and in other instances, smuggled the aliens through other locations  
5       not designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security for entry into the  
6       United States. Part of the agreement to smuggle these aliens into the United  
7       States was that either myself, or another conspirator, would coach and advise  
8       the aliens on how to present a false asylum claim once they came into contact  
9       with U.S. immigration officers.

10       The smuggling fee for these aliens included the cost of bonding the alien out  
11       of immigration custody. Thus, after presenting a false asylum claim to U.S.  
12       immigration officers, I or another conspirator, including Surinder Singh,  
13       Kusum Lata, or Rebecca Dev, would recruit bond obligors, who would pay  
14       the bond, and bond sponsors. The bond sponsor would file documents with  
15       the Immigration Court indicating that they knew the alien, usually through a  
16       familial relationship or that the alien was a "family friend," and that the bond  
17       sponsor would support the alien being bonded out of custody, which included  
18       providing the bonded alien with a place to stay. In some instances, I acted  
19       as a bond obligor and/or bond sponsor. In the paperwork I submitted to the  
20       Immigration Judge in this capacity, I indicated (1) I knew the alien, when I  
21       did not, and (2) the alien would reside with me once released, even though I,  
22       and the alien, knew that the alien would not reside with me and instead would  
23       be transported to a different location within the United States.

24       Once the bond was posted for the alien, and the alien was released from  
25       immigration custody, I or another conspirator would transport, or assist in  
26       transporting, the smuggled aliens to their ultimate destination(s) in the United  
27       States. These destinations were often different from the locations specified  
28       in the bond sponsors' paperwork the aliens submitted to the Immigration  
29       Court.

30       b.       The defendant shall swear under oath to the accuracy of this statement and,  
31       if the defendant should be called upon to testify about this matter in the future, any  
32       intentional material inconsistencies in the defendant's testimony may subject the defendant  
33       to additional penalties for perjury or false swearing, which may be enforced by the United  
34       States under this agreement.



**APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEFENDANT**

I have read the entire plea agreement with the assistance of my attorney. I understand each of its provisions and I voluntarily agree to it.

I have discussed the case and my constitutional and other rights with my attorney. I understand that by entering my plea of guilty I shall waive my rights to plead not guilty, to trial by jury, to confront, cross-examine, and compel the attendance of witnesses, to present evidence in my defense, to remain silent and refuse to be a witness against myself by asserting my privilege against self-incrimination, all with the assistance of counsel, and to be presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

I agree to enter my guilty plea as indicated above on the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement.

I have been advised by my attorney of the nature of the charges to which I am entering my guilty plea. I have further been advised by my attorney of the nature and range of the possible sentence and that my ultimate sentence shall be determined by the Court after consideration of the advisory Sentencing Guidelines.

My guilty plea is not the result of force, threats, assurances, or promises, other than the promises contained in this agreement. I voluntarily agree to the provisions of this agreement and I agree to be bound according to its provisions.

I understand that if I am granted probation or placed on supervised release by the Court, the terms and conditions of such probation/supervised release are subject to modification at any time. I further understand that if I violate any of the conditions of my probation/supervised release, my probation/supervised release may be revoked and upon such revocation, notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, I may be required to serve a term of imprisonment or my sentence otherwise may be altered.

This written plea agreement, and any written addenda filed as attachments to this plea agreement, contain all the terms and conditions of the plea. Any additional agreements, if any such agreements exist, shall be recorded in a separate document and

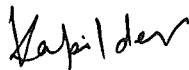
1 may be filed with the Court under seal; accordingly, additional agreements, if any, may not  
2 be in the public record.

3 I further agree that promises, including any predictions as to the Sentencing  
4 Guideline range or to any Sentencing Guideline factors that will apply, made by anyone  
5 (including my attorney) that are not contained within this written plea agreement, are null  
6 and void and have no force and effect.

7 I am satisfied that my defense attorney has represented me in a competent manner.

8 I fully understand the terms and conditions of this plea agreement. I am not now  
9 using or under the influence of any drug, medication, liquor, or other intoxicant or  
10 depressant that would impair my ability to fully understand the terms and conditions of this  
11 plea agreement.


12 9-26-18  
13 Date

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13 KAPIL DEV  
14 Defendant

15 **APPROVAL OF DEFENSE COUNSEL**

16 I have discussed this case and the plea agreement with my client in detail and have  
17 advised the defendant of all matters within the scope of Fed. R. Crim. P. 11, the  
18 constitutional and other rights of an accused, the factual basis for and the nature of the  
19 offense to which the guilty plea will be entered, possible defenses, and the consequences  
20 of the guilty plea including the maximum statutory sentence possible. I have further  
21 discussed the concept of the advisory Sentencing Guidelines with the defendant. No  
22 assurances, promises, or representations have been given to me or to the defendant by the  
23 United States or any of its representatives that are not contained in this written agreement.  
24 I concur in the entry of the plea as indicated above and that the terms and conditions set  
25 forth in this agreement are in the best interests of my client. I agree to make a bona fide  
26 effort to ensure that the guilty plea is entered in accordance with all the requirements of  
27 Fed. R. Crim. P. 11.  
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9.26.2018  
Date

  
MELINDA KOVACS  
Attorney for Defendant

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**APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES**

I have reviewed this matter and the plea agreement. I agree on behalf of the United States that the terms and conditions set forth herein are appropriate and are in the best interests of justice.

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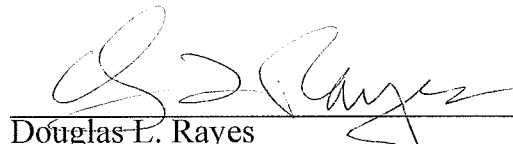
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**ACCEPTANCE BY THE COURT**

3-9-2020  
Date

  
Douglas L. Rayes  
United States District Judge